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SUBJ: FURTHER RESULTS OF VISIT BY ROC FINANCE MINISTER
TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ON SEPTEMBER 2 MINDEF
SULTAN STATED THAT SAG HAD DECIDED TO GRANT ROC LOAN OF
"20 OR 30 MILLION DOLLARS" (SULTAN WAS UNSURE OF EXACT
AMOUNT), DURING VISIT OF ROC FINANCE MINISTER. SULTAN
ALSO SAID THAT CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL SHUMAYMRI WOULD
SOON VISIT TAIWAN WITH SMALL GROUP OF SAUDI OFFICERS AT
INVITATION OF ROC. CHINESE WERE QUITE GOOD IN FIELDS OF
AGRICULTURE AND MILITARY TRAINING, STATED SULTAN;
SHUMAYMRI WOULD DISCUSS POSSIBILITY THAT SOME SAG MIL-
ITARY WOULD RECEIVE TRAINING IN TAIWAN. SULTAN HIMSELF
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HAD BEEN INVITED BUT SAID HE IS UNABLE TO GO.

2. COMMENT: ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION BY CHIEF OF STAFF SHUMAYMRI WOULD BE SMALL BREAKTHROUGH FOR CHINESE, WHO HAVE MADE REPEATED OFFERS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SAG. SAUDI OFFICERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND SEVERAL MILITARY COURSES WHICH ARE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH, INCLUDING THE ROC ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE BUT SAUDIS HAVE NEVER DISPLAYED ANY INTEREST. SIMILARLY, CHINESE ATTACHE HAS HAD NO SUCCESS IN HIS PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO INTEREST GEN. SHUMAYMRI IN VISITING THE ROC. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION MAY BE RESULT OF CHINESE HAVING MADE IT PERSONALLY ATTRACTIVE TO SHUMAYMRI; WE ARE SCEPTICAL THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT TRAINING PROGRAM WILL RESULT.
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